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Larry Waters County Mayor

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations; (WT Proceeding - No. 11-65).**

Dear Commissioners:

Sevier County is one of the best tourist destinations in the country. Each year, more than **10 million visitors** bless us with their presence and their dollars they leave behind. We want each visitor to **have an exceptional time** when they are here and knowing that we are improving the telecom infrastructure in our area with improved mobile broadband coverage will even **further enhance their stay** in our Great Smoky Mountain region. We can't wait for the **AT&T / T-Mobile merger** to become reality.

Access to new technologies such as mobile broadband will **help our community grow** and continue to provide a **first-class experience** for those visiting our area. The proposed combination of resources is of great interest to our community because it could mean jobs, investment and economic growth.

Sevier County has benefitted greatly from a public policy environment that attracts investment and telecommunications expansion. This proposed merger presents an opportunity towards **increased prosperity and jobs**. Improved communications and access to mobile broadband is very important to those who visit our area.

I ask you to support the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile which could help improve service and expand coverage.

Sincerely,

Larry Waters  
Sevier County Mayor